

To find out what Rep. Bean has been doing to hold to CN accountable, visit the links below.

[Bean Leads Delegation Letter to STB Expressing Concerns on Recent CN Audit findings](#)

Congresswoman Bean and other Chicagoland representatives provide public comment to the Surface Transportation Board's April 21 decision and April 28 hearing.

[STB Holds Oversight Hearing](#)

The Surface Transportation Board held an oversight hearing on April 28, 2010, in wake of an audit that found CN has failed to disclose to regulators how many times its trains block traffic. In November and December 2009, CN reported a total of 14 blocked crossings for longer than ten minutes. But auditors said the real number of blocked crossings was over 1,400 during the same two-month period.

[Bean Blasts CN For Being 100 Times Off On Reports Of Blocked Crossings](#)

Congresswoman Melissa Bean blasted Canadian National Railway (CN) after an audit released today by the Surface Transportation Board that documented severe blockage of road crossings CN expansion and a failure by CN to disclose this information to regulators.

[Bean Requests Funds for Grade Separation at Rt. 14 in Barrington](#)

This project request would fund the reconstruction of Route 14 so it passes under the EJE/CN

railroad instead of crossing it at grade, a good first step in providing some congestion relief caused by the increased freight traffic to Barrington and the northwest suburban Chicago area. Since all crossings in the community are at-grade, significant impacts include safety risks, traffic jams, and blockage of emergency response and access to the local hospital.

Bean Hosts Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood

Congresswoman Bean and state and local officials on March 28, 2010, participated in a roundtable discussion with U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, discussing area transportation needs, local projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and problems associated with the Canadian National (CN) acquisition of Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway track. Following the discussion, the Congresswoman, along with Barrington and Cuba Township officials, provided Secretary LaHood with a tour of local crossings affected by increased traffic from CN trains.

Federal Rail Officials Discuss CN with Local Leaders

At the request of Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08), federal officials in charge of rail safety and policy visited the northwest suburban area today, to meet with local officials and discuss issues related to the Canadian National rail expansion.

Bean Continues Push To Overhaul STB

Continuing her fight to make the Surface Transportation Board more accountable to taxpayers in cases like the CN rail expansion, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) reintroduced legislation that would require the Surface Transportation Board to consider the effects of rail expansion on local communities and taxpayers as part of its core mission.

Bean Responds To Canadian National Appeal

In a bipartisan joint letter to the Surface Transportation Board (STB), several Members of Congress joined Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) to express concerns about Canadian National's appeal of the STB decision requiring the company to pay their fair share of mitigation efforts in Illinois and Indiana communities. Joining Bean on the letter were Representatives Peter Visclosky (IN-1), Donald Manzullo (IL-16), Judy Biggert (IL-13), Peter Roskam (IL-6), Bill Foster (IL-14), and Deborah Halvorson (IL-11).